



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 17761-000950US

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On 01/12/01

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: *Brad J. Loos*  
Brad J. Loos

RECEIVED  
JAN 24 2001  
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

#2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LOREN L. ROY et al.

Application No.: 09/651,669 ✓

Filed: August 30, 2000

For: STATIC DEVICES AND  
METHODS TO SHRINK TISSUES FOR  
INCONTINENCE

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 3731 ✓

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE ✓  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

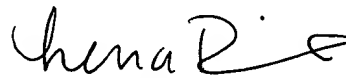
The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 09/170,767, filed 10/13/98 (Attorney Docket No. 17761-000910US). It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and

no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Nena Bains  
Reg. No. P-47,400

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: 650-326-2400  
Fax: 650-326-2422  
NB:bjl